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SUBJ: RADIOS FOR MALDIVES

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1. GOM HAS SENT NOTE REGARDING FREQUENCIES FOR RADIO
EQUIPMENT. POINTS MADE ARE:

A) DISCUSSION OF FREQUENCIES SHOULD REFER TO
KHZ NOT RPT NOT MHZ.

B) US SUGGESTION THAT 8010 KHZ AND 8050 KHZ
FREQUENCIES BE USED WOULD BE ALL RIGHT IF POWER OUTPUT
OF EQUIPMENT WAS 100 WATTS.

C) SERVICE IN MALE IS 24-HOUR AND THESE FREQUENCIES
ON 25-WATT OUTPUT CAN BE USED ONLY FOR FEW HOURS DURING
DAY WHICH WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

D) SERVICE HAS TO COVER RANGE OF AT LEAST 300 MILES
EITHER WAY FROM MALE AND 25-WATT TRANSCEIVER WOULD BE
INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS.

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E) GOM'S EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT 100-WATT OR

AT LEAST 80-WATT OUTPUT IS NECESSARY FOR ITS PURPOSES.

F) SUCH EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED ON 2000 KHZ TO
3500 KHZ FREQUENCIES DURING DAYTIME AND 300 (#" (SIC)
TO 3500 KHZ FOR NIGHT TIME.

2. NOTE THEN ASKS IF US CAN OFFER 80-100 WATT OUTPUT
TRANSCIEVERS OR TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS TO MATCH.

3. ON BASIS PARA 10 OF STATE 201931, AMBASSADOR HAD TENTATIVELY
PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO MALDIVES IN MARCH TO PRESENT RADIO EQUIP-
MENT TO GOM. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE RESPONSE TO GOM NOTE AND
LET US KNOW WHETHER RADIO EQUIPMENT IS LIKELY TO BE SHIPPED
HERE IN TIME FOR MARCH PRESENTATION.

4. IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION MALDIVIAN EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED GOM
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPT REQUEST FOR GIFT OF TWO ADDITIONAL
COLLINS TRANSCIEVERS TO BE USED AS STANDBYS FOR EQUIPMENT US
PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AND WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN PLACE IN COLOMBO
AND MALE. EMBASSY TELECOMMUNICATIONS STAFF MEMBER WHO RECENTLY
ASSISTED MALDIVIAN EMBASSY IN SOLVING RADIO RECEIPTING PROBLEMS
TELLS US THAT COLLINS EQUIPMENT AT EMBASSY IS WORKING WELL AND
THAT PROBLEMS CONFINED TO ANTENNA CORROSION AND PROPER TUNING
OF EQUIPMENT. WE BELIEVE PROVISION TWO ADDITIONAL COLLINS SETS
NOT NECESSARY ALTHOUGH IT UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
FLEXIBILITY FOR GOM'S COMMUNICATIONS. REQUEST DEPT'S COMMENTS
ON THIS REQUEST SO THAT WE CAN REPLY TO MALDIVIAN
EMBASSY.
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